

Tutt's Pills agreeable in taste.  
Joe Rhodes and wife are over from Paris.  
Mrs. W. H. Coons is visiting in Minneapolis.  
Giles Allison, of New York, is in Mexico on a visit.  
There are twenty-two practicing physicians in Mexico.  
Prof. J. N. Cross is at the Baptist Sanitarium in St. Louis.  
It was seven degrees below zero on Monday morning at Mexico.  
Frank Hughtlett, formerly of this city, is dying in Toronto, Canada.  
Probate Judge S. M. Edwards today married W. F. Wilson and Miss Nettie Berry.  
Wm. Kelleher and wife, of Montgomery City, are the guests of Mrs. Purdy.  
Mrs. C. M. Lackland and mother, Mrs. McMurray, are home from St. Louis.  
Fulton had a sensation during the holidays. A foot pad held up and robbed three ladies.  
Mrs. W. J. Rixey entertained a party of friends at supper Saturday evening in her usual royal manner.  
Sam Morris received the most valuable Christmas present of any one in Mexico. It was a ten pound boy.  
Robert Hall, formerly of this city, died of consumption in Miller county a couple of weeks since.  
The various churches in Mexico remembered the Sunday School children with appropriate entertainments.  
The new county officers all assume their duties next Monday, except the Collector, who goes in the first of March.  
Marriage licenses were granted Thomas W. Sneed and Ida B. Dolin, also J. I. Matthews and Katie Rhoades.  
Bernard Cowles, station agent at Atzacas, was severely injured by being caught between the cars late Saturday evening.  
Benj. Phillip, a prominent attorney of St. Joseph, Mo., is at home on a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Phillip.  
Mrs. Sallie Grabbell, of Hastings, Neb., has returned home after a pleasant visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lander.  
Rumor says that Sheriff Adams, having a mob, has removed from the jail the tramp, Austin, who attempted to rape Mrs. Schneider.  
Circuit Clerk B. C. Johnson rendered the LEDGER boys on Christmas as usual. May he live long and enjoy many happy returns.  
Lakeman and Barnes as agents for John W. Reed, yesterday sold his 80 acre farm 2 1/2 miles west of Mexico to W. H. Brown for \$1,600 cash.  
W. T. Winant, of this county, is in Ashland, Boone county, attending a reunion of the Winant family. Mr. Winant was born and raised near Ashland, Mo.  
H. A. Benson, of North Salem, Indiana, has arrived in Mexico and expects to take charge of the Baptist Publishing House the first of January.  
Rev. A. A. Wallace, on December 23, united C. E. Frazier and Miss Amelia Davidson in marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Frazier are both residents of Audrain county.  
At noon Saturday "Squire Winscott married, at his home, Mr. E. M. Roberts and Miss Annie Roberts. The newly married couple spent Christmas with Bud Roberts.  
Hogs are "out of sight." It's much cheaper to live on "round beefsteak and gravy" than pork and beans. Eggs and potatoes are correspondingly invisible.  
Charles Schoeneman on last Friday lost \$15 on the east side of the square, a \$10 bill and a \$5 bill. The finder will be liberally rewarded by returning the same.  
Mrs. Addie Burckholder, Miss Lucy Paxton, of Kansas City, and Mrs. H. H. Shamer of Wellsville and Mrs. Spitzer, of Wellsville, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. McCune.  
Mason Creasey, who bought some of the effects of the late W. R. Beck, found among his old papers receipts and letters written in 1854; one was a tax receipt given by Thos. Brooks, sheriff of this county in 1855.  
Henry Henke, of near Rush Hill, has a curiosity in the way of a mammoth ear of corn formed by six large ears growing together. He is talking of sending it to the World's Fair as one of the curiosities.  
W. H. French now owns the entire building occupied by the Wade Carthagen Furniture Company on the north side of the square. He purchased D. P. Moore's half interest to-day for \$4,200. This is one of the very best business houses in Mexico.  
Ben Haskell's restaurant has been the center of attraction for the last few days as he has had some live lobsters, by some mistaken for craw fish, on exhibition in front of his place of business. Those who think these animals are craw fish should put their finger in one's mouth and feel the result.

# A PRESENT GIVEN AWAY At POLLARD'S The Rest of the Week! To His Customers.

**Atrocious Austin.**  
ED. AUSTIN ATTEMPTS AN AWFUL CRIME UPON THE PERSON OF MRS. SCHNEIDER.  
The Wretch Captured in Mexico a Few Hours After The Attempt—Confesses and Pleads Guilty.

A few days ago Edward Austin, claiming to hail from Chillicothe, Mo., appeared at the residence of J. F. Schneider, 3 miles northwest of Worcester, and inquired for work. Mr. Schneider is a substantial farmer and has a good deal of work about his place in the winter time, more than one can well do, so he consented to give Austin a job. Austin, who is a strong, robust man, was taken in and treated as one of the family, although he hardly has the appearance of a person worthy of occupying an apartment of a respectable home like Mr. J. F. Schneider's. He is a big, slouchy looking man and has no indications of civility or morality upon his countenance, and when he talks to a person will look directly to the ground.

It was this man that Mr. Schneider unsuspectingly went from home on Christmas afternoon to gather friends for a party and left his wife and child with.

The distance Mr. Schneider went was about ten miles. Before he had gotten but a few miles Austin appreciated an opportunity to satisfy his lust and commit a horrible crime.

The little child was fast asleep and not a person but Mrs. Schneider and Austin were moving around the house, and showing signs of life.

During this quietude Austin went in Mrs. Schneider's room. He approached her. A terrific battle began. The lady fought hard for her honor and so loud were her cries for help that the little child was awakened from its sleep. The wretch combated furiously for some little time, but Mrs. Schneider was successful in wearing him considerably, all the while begging for mercy. He knocked her down and got her upon the bed and in his powerful efforts to overcome her fight for life and compel submission, he actually tore the woman's clothes from her body. Finally he gave it up and released his victim. Mrs. Schneider, all bruised and excited, ran out of the house and hid behind the smoke-house. The villain grabbed Mr. Schneider's shot gun and made for the timber. He could not find any ammunition and therefore threw the gun away before he got far from the house.

The alarm was immediately given and a posse of neighbors was soon in pursuit. The country was scouted without success until about midnight, when Austin appeared at the Mexico Fire Brick Works to warm himself. He had laid out in the woods until he could not stand the cold longer. Word had been left at the factory to watch for Austin and his description given. When he showed up the night men on the works hastily informed the officers of his presence and in short order he was placed safely behind the bars of our county jail by night policeman Muir.

Monday morning he was arraigned before "Squire Winscott" for preliminary hearing. He pleaded guilty of attempted rape and in default of a \$1,000 bond was relocked up.

Prosecuting Attorney Jesse being absent L. P. Critter was appointed and filed the necessary papers. Mr. and Mrs. Schneider are highly respectable people, Mrs. Schneider being a daughter of Squire Frank Friar, of near Laddonia. The Anti Horse Thief Association turned out in force and did good work in trailing the fiend. The talk of mobbing Austin did not last long as all of our people know that he will get full justice at the hands of the law.

## A CLOSE QUSS.

**Five Hundred and Three Seeds in L. G. Adams' Pumpkin.**  
L. G. Adams, the south side clothier, offered a prize of \$5 to the party guessing the closest to the party guessing the closest to the number of seeds in a large pumpkin displayed in his window. Charles Luckie secured the prize, guessing 502. The following close guesses were made: Wm. Kemper 500, D. H. Haskell 500, S. S. Edwards 497, W. H. French 500 and Prof. McMillan 500.

Dr. Still, the celebrated osteopathist is in Farber, Mo., where he has a large number of patients.

**A BIG DEAL.**  
A \$30,000 Trade in Real Estate and Hardware.—Clacher & Hill Sell Out to George W. Robertson, of Montgomery City.

On account of the illness of Mr. Jas. Clacher, the firm of Clacher & Hill during the past few weeks made arrangements to close up their business and sell out. On Monday Mr. George W. Robertson, of Montgomery City, Mo., purchased the store room and warehouse of this firm for \$13,500 in cash. About the middle of February the same gentleman will take the hardware and implements at invoice. Mr. Robertson is one of the largest hardware men in the state and has been in business at Montgomery City for years, selling out a few weeks since. Mr. Robertson, in addition to his retail business, has a large jobbing trade, selling large amounts of goods to dealers throughout Missouri. Mr. Robertson and family will remove to this city to reside permanently early in the year, and we take pleasure in welcoming them to church, business and social circles of this city and we are sure they will prove quite an acquisition. Mr. Hill will remain with Mr. Robertson for at least a year. He will also have with him Mr. Harper, who is now acting as chief of the implement department, and will likely occupy the same position here. Mr. Harper is a relative of John Howell and Mrs. Harpers of this city, and is a first-class business man. Mr. Robertson informs the LEDGER that he will continue his jobbing department in Mexico and expects to hold his large wholesale business and even increase it if possible. Mexico being so much better located in regard to railroad facilities we are satisfied that his wholesale trade will double within a year. Mr. Robertson will put in a plate glass front and greatly improve the store room and make it one of the handsomest in the city.

**RATHER ROUGH.**  
A Republican Paper Misrepresents Hon. J. E. Hutton, of Mexico.

The following clipping in reference to ex-Congressman Hutton is taken from the Washington City correspondent to the Kansas City Journal, and we presume is a political fake. Colonel and ex-Congressman Hutton, of Mexico, wants to get a chance to enter the diplomatic service of the country. In his judgment matters in that line never have been conducted properly and he would be an invaluable acquisition to the service. He always prided himself on his smoothness in affairs around Missouri and has concluded that having worked the field thoroughly it is now time for him to get out and regulate the world in his own peculiarly diplomatic way and hopes to get a substantial reply early after the next administration puts in an appearance. He has been unusually active in this little matter and has started out diplomatically. The entire delegation knows that he wants something, but so far he has not made a selection. In this he aims to be very accommodating, as he does not propose to restrict them. A large crowd was present in the middle and of course East or West cuts no figure. It is simply an application for a good, reliable, easy, official snap. This describes his feelings in the matter, exactly.

**For Sale.**  
One hundred and seven and a half acres of the best land in Audrain county. Farm four miles from town. GUTHRIE & GENTRY, 38-2-d-t-w-2. Agents.

## MANSFIELD-BROWN.

A Home Wedding in Centralia Tuesday Afternoon—Charley Mansfield and Miss Mary Brown.

Miss Mary Brown was led to the altar Tuesday afternoon at her home in Centralia and there assumed the title of Mrs. Charley Mansfield. The wedding was quiet—only the immediate friends were present.

Those who attended from Mexico were Mr. Thomas French, Claude Mansfield and Miss Nora Mansfield.

The bride and groom arrived from Centralia on the fast Wabash train and will reside at the former's home just northeast of Mexico.

The bride is well and favorably known in Mexico, having recently resided here.

The groom was thought to be irredeemable, but we are glad to have an opportunity to extend congratulations. We wish them a prosperous New Year.

## Farm for Sale.

One hundred and twenty acres 2 1/2 miles southwest of Benton City. Call on T. S. Combe on the 38-2-mo-w.

Slater, Mo., suffered from a \$135, 000 fire Christmas. Twelve business houses went up in smoke with their stocks.

## PAIRIE VIEW ITEMS.

**PAIRIE VIEW, Dec. 26.**—An entertainment was held at Prairie View church Friday night, Dec. 23. A sleigh was well filled with presents—in fact, there were so many that they were fastened on in every conceivable way. Santa had to walk while Mrs. Santa came in a sleigh. They arrived in the midst of the snow, which fell fast and thick for sometime. A very interesting and lengthy programme was rendered by the school, which was appreciated by all present.

We had the pleasure of attending the literary entertainment at Groves Chapel Saturday afternoon. The rostrum was decorated by a beautiful arch and the table was filled with gifts for the little ones. One of the leading features of the afternoon was the welcome address by the Superintendent, Mr. Frank Stentel. The young folks all did well.

The Christmas tree at Bethel, Saturday night was a lovely tree, being loaded with many gifts. The programme was lengthy and well rendered. All left much pleased with the entertainment.

Mr. Ed. Renie occupies his new home.

Miss Nettie Stevenson, who is visiting in Chillicothe, is suffering with tonsillitis.

Our school closed for a week's vacation.

Married, in Winfield, Kan., Mrs. Fannie Moore Payne and Mr. John Robinson.

Cook Groves lost a valuable horse with distemper.

Mark Kilgore is visiting relatives here.

Monty Fisher, of Columbia, is here for the holidays.

Mrs. Colley, of Moberly, is here. Misses Addie Miller, Annie Bratton, Clara and Lella Robinson will entertain Thursday eve at Gant.

Miss Minnie West, of St. Louis, is visiting her uncle, R. N. West.

## CASUALTIES.

A freight engine passed through Mexico this week, carrying on its pilot a man's leg. It was not discovered, however, until the train reached Centralia. Here the engineer got off to oil his engine and was horrified on finding the leg lay upon the pilot. Investigation proved that the train had run over Joseph Fuhrer, near Warrenton, and instantly killed him. He was 21 years old and it is supposed he was thrown from his horse while crossing the track on his way home.

William Fuhrer, of near Benton City, is a brother of the dead man.

About 7 o'clock Saturday evening Bernard Cowles, the C. & A. agent at Auxvasse, was caught between two freight cars and was frightfully injured. His collar-bone was broken and both arms grievously mashed. Cowles was making a coupling when the accident happened. He is resting fairly well.

A splendid time was had at the Christmas tree at Prairie Lea Saturday evening. Edward Snook impersonated Santa Claus. His cotton hair came in contact with a candle on the tree and Dear Old Santa had a narrow escape. The flames destroyed his masque before they could be extinguished.

**The Keeley Cure.**  
Dr. Leslie E. Keeley, referring to the claim of faith cures and similar excuses for the thirteen years success at Dwight, Ill., in curing the liquor and opium patients, speaks as follows in a recent public lecture: "I do not claim to be a hypnotist, or that my Double Chloride of Gold Cure is magic. I confess that my treatment is a method of rational medicine, founded on a rational understanding of the pathology of inebriety. It is not an accident. I do not claim that it is the discovery of genius. It is the result, however, of thirty-five years of patient, hard working, practical experience."

## BENTON CITY ITEMS.

**BENTON CITY, Dec. 27.**—Robert Trachtel is improving and we are glad to hear that he will probably get well. We think the accusation that a young lady was the cause of the shooting is without foundation and that it was purely accidental.

There was a grand Christmas tree at the Presbyterian church Saturday night. A large crowd was present. Santa Claus also pleased the little children except W. H. Hoagland and Jim Dowell. Santa said he started with two old mules for them but on hearing of their destination they refused to go farther. Santa promises to do better next year. Boys, have patience.

Wm. Fuhrer, living three miles north of Benton, left today for Warrenton where his brother was killed yesterday by the train.

## MISS WHITTAKER.

Slater, Mo., suffered from a \$135, 000 fire Christmas. Twelve business houses went up in smoke with their stocks.

There will be a grand ball in Fulton Friday night.

The Place to Buy Your Holiday Goods!  
The place where your money will go furthest.  
The place where you can find suitable Xmas presents for all ages.  
The place where you will find the latest and newest goods.  
The place where you will be treated right.  
The place where you will find the largest and best selected stock of fine Holiday Goods, Toys, Dolls, etc., in Mexico is

**Sallee & Craddock,**  
East Side of the Public Square.  
Over 4,000 feet of floor room crowded.

**GUTHRIE & GENTRY, REAL ESTATE AND ABSTRACTORS.**



6 per cent. Farm Loans. Fire and Accident Insurance.  
Yours Very Truly, GUTHRIE & GENTRY.

## MOLINO ITEMS.

**MOLINO, Mo., Dec. 28.**—Wheat in this neighborhood in general is looking well.

Mr. W. H. Clanton, of this place, sold his store and farm to Wood Bros. who will take charge of the store about New Year.

Miss Laura Hickman, of Florida, Kentucky, was visiting here last week.

W. O. Burkhardt sold his farm near Huntville, Mo., last week.

E. A. Bullivant sold a hundred barrels of corn to A. D. Bledsoe Saturday for \$1.75 per barrel.

Ashby Bots bought two car loads of cattle from Mr. Jex, of Monroe County, last week.

Our literary and debating society meets every Wednesday evening with L. C. Barnes, president; Miss Mary McGee, secretary.

Newton Smith sold a nice load of cattle to W. J. Bots and Wm. Wallace that averaged about 1600 pounds each for 5 cents per pound.

Joseph Wilson sold his farm to E. A. and Wm. Sullivan for \$25 per acre.

Curry, of St. Louis, completed the bridge at Hazel Ford Thursday. This bridge will be a great benefit to this section.

While L. C. Barnes was going to Mexico Saturday with his team an away with him, upsetting the wagon and scattering hogs along the road but doing no serious damage.

W. Johnson went Southwest after stock here this week.

Stock hogs are selling here at \$5.50 per hundred and scarce at \$5.00.

## SANTA FE ITEMS.

**SANTA FE, Mo., Dec. 28.**—Joe Norman, of the Gem City Commercial College, is spending the holidays at home.

Sam Hoar lost a fine mare last week with both Mr. Bowen lost two young horses, and John Dasher four good mares. Cause not known to writer.

John Brown has a sale the 29th and will move to Stuttgart, Ark., in a few days.

The corn trade is brisk at 40 cents and hogs are still on the up grade.

Miss Minnie Waller closed a four months school at South Fork last Friday. As far as we can learn she gave good satisfaction.

Newton Smith has moved to town and Eph Tanner has moved to the country.

We wish the LEDGER force and family a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

## RUSH HILL ITEMS.

**RUSH HILL, Mo., Dec. 27.**—The Seminary girls have gone home to enjoy the holidays. All is quiet considering that this is the jolliest period of the year.

The Walker entertainment was simply a grand success.

Chris Schenberg, who now lives in town, is kept busy feeding his cattle on his farm.

Wm. Sims is "killing time" in Arkansas.

## Instantly Killed.

**JAMES WYLDE, AN OLD CITIZEN OF BENTON CITY, KILLED BY THE CARS.**

He Was Walking Toward Mexico and The Fast Wabash Struck Him—The Train Whistled, But He Was Hard of Hearing.

The fast Wabash passenger, due in Mexico at 12:21, struck James Wyld at a depth of sixteen feet struck a two and one-half foot vein of good coal, which he will proceed to work. Mr. Hellwig says he is satisfied that at the depth of 120 feet there is a four foot vein of coal but he cannot afford to sink a shaft to that depth by himself. He has estimated the cost of sinking a shaft, 6x12, 120 feet deep, to be about \$2,500. He thinks a company should be formed to bore that depth, which would not cost very much, and then, if the coal is of sufficient thickness, there would be no trouble to raise money to sink a shaft. Mr. Hellwig says he thinks a shaft can be sunk 120 feet in about two months unless water interferes. He has carefully estimated the cost and thinks it would amount to something like \$2,500. We trust a company will be formed and a hole drilled at least that depth.

**Live Stock Market.**  
ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 27.—Prices of cattle: Export steers, \$5.30 to \$5.50; choice steers, \$5 to \$5.25; good steers, \$4.80 to \$4.95; fair to medium, \$4.40 to \$4.45; corn fed steers, \$3.70 to \$4.20; butcher steers, \$2.35 to \$2.65.

Hogs—Butcher grades brought as high as \$6.60, and packers commanded \$5.75 and \$6.65. Ordinary to good hogs \$5.75 to \$6.40, more of which would tip the scales at more than 190 pounds average. Some late arrivals sold at the same price as the morning supply. The close was steady.

**Terrible Sore.**  
C. C. Voorhies is to-day the sorest man in the State. He finished sawing Vandegrift's two cords of wood as per contract and gets \$2000 life insurance. Neil stuck to the job like a thoroughbred and finished on time and says he won't say a word more wood for less than \$100 a cord. He is just beginning to feel the effects of the work, all of his muscles being so sore that he cannot rest or even sleep. Voorhies is the same man who a few months since insured a Chinaman at Muskogee, Indian Territory. The Chinaman he insured was the only one that ever attempted to take out any life insurance.

Mr. James Wyld had been a respected citizen of Benton City for many years. He leaves a wife and six children—Dave Wyld, of Iowa, Mrs. Elliott Cahoon, near Benton, Mrs. LaFave, Southwest Missouri, Benjamin F. and George Wyld. B. F. Wyld is proprietor of the Benton City Nursery. The dead man was an Englishman and one of the oldest and best known men of the East End of the county.

The LEDGER deplors his sad end and extends sympathy to the bereaved wife and family.

**New Suits.**  
The following new suits have been filed with the Circuit Clerk since last report:

Henry M. Beal vs. friend, L. P. Critter, vs. Mexico Fire Brick Co., damages.

J. W. Sturgeon vs. Wm. McDonald, damages.

J. H. Cropper vs. City of Mexico, damages.

E. L. Heller vs. James Elliott, note.

Sarah M. Tomlinson vs. Chas. H. Tomlinson, divorce.

A. B. Cluser vs. Henry Krache, sent up from Justice of the Peace.

J. V. Williams admr. vs. R. A. Shook et al., rent.

J. S. Merrill Drug Co. vs. H. A. Forey, account.

S. M. Gilbert vs. A. and M. Society, loan.

It is a queer thing why some of the Democratic papers in the United States insist on abusing members of the party, even without any ground at all. The members of the Democratic party should get together in victory as they did in defeat.

## MASONIC BANQUET.

**Judge Edwards Installs the Officers of the Masonic Order in Vandalia—His Speech.**

**Masonry Address.**

Probate Judge S. M. Edwards, of this city, installed the officers of the Masonic order in Vandalia this week and enjoyed the banquet given on that occasion. The Judge made the following address:

When traveling by one of our lightening express trains through the most wonderful scenery of this great country of ours, did you ever observe how little you could see to remember and describe? It is only here and there you can catch a glimpse of the rugged mountains or of the rushing torrents as they leap the impending rocks and go murmuring to the sea. There are landscapes as beautiful as the Vale of Cashmere, with fruits and flowers beautiful as those of the fabled garden of the Hesperides; but you have not time to paint the one or gather the other.

It is so when you come to make a brief and hurried speech upon this grand, beautiful and ancient order of Free Masonry. You may stand upon the mountain top of its lovely Lebanon and view the tall and majestic cedars and listen to the tuncful winds among their branches, crowned by the clouds; but then you do not see the curious work of the skilled artificer in the hidden quarters of the earth. You may enter the outer court of this mystic Temple and view its beautiful proportions, its massive columns, its vast dimensions and its everlasting covering, bedecked with stars; but this gives you no conception of the inner glories and sacred treasures of that most holy place, where cherubim with extended wings guard the sacred and whose incense burns all day and night upon the holy altar. From this vast field so beautifully overlaid with gems of thought, I will select a single word for my subject to-night: "The No. 3."

This number pervades our where we live. From the cradle to the very summit of our royal art, the Mason's attention is continually directed to this mystic number. The whole of this grand system of morality was originally included in three degrees. These three degrees included everything from the foundation stone in the northeast corner to that curious arch so wonderfully bound together by the three priceless rejected keys.

There were three grand Masonic pillars; three principal supports; three grand masters; three principal officers; three great lights; three lesser lights; three ornaments; three movable and three immovable; three principal rounds to the spiritual ladder; three essential human senses; three flights of the winding staircase; three principal tenets; three stages of human life; three emblems of death; three great and important duties and various others, too peculiar and significant, the mention of which, with their explanation, can only be made in the tiled recesses of the Lodge.

To-night I desire to talk to you about one of these three—that is, about the "Three great duties you owe to God, to your neighbor and yourself; for if these be duly observed and faithfully kept, the Masonic life will be perfect and complete. The God we worship has three essential attributes—Omniscience, Omnipotence and Omnipresence. It is the true God—the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, before whom the angels and the cherubim bow and worship, crying, "Hail, Holy, Holy, Holy."

The ancient Hebrew did not dare to pronounce the name of God. The High Priest alone could do this and he only once a year on the great day of Atonement. He said, "I appear unto Aaron, unto Isaac and unto Jacob by the name of God Almighty but by my name Jehovah was I not known among them?" Does this not impress us as important and suggestive? Free Masonry with all its degrees is a beautiful and harmonious one. It is the same substantially to-day that it was three thousand years ago. It is the same in the palace of the Orient that it is in the wigwag of the wild plains of the west. It is the same in the city of a hundred and three in one common brotherhood, for one supreme purpose—the commemoration of our Masonic life, with the "Three great duties" in the east till it sets in the west, ending in death. In the grave, the sole inquiry is, "Light, more light, further light; the pure, the beautiful light, the everlasting light that radiates from the center of the lodge, the light that Lodge beyond the skies. However varied may be its teachings, however diverse its methods, whether along the rough and rugged roads, whether equating and numbering the stars and planets, whether wandering in darkness amidst difficulties and dangers—indeed, whatever be the journey, we are to that to that supreme moment where to each one of us will come the command, "Present your name!" In the presence of the great God, we permit me to ask how are you observing and performing these great duties? What of the first? "You shall love God, you are to esteem as the chief good?"

Who is He? Lift up your heads, oh ye gates, and be ye lifted up, ye everlasting doors, and the King of Glory shall come in. Who is this King of Glory? The King of Glory is the King of the Lord mighty in battle. He is the King of Glory! My brother, after witnessing His power over death and the grave, and after that refreshment or when at labor, name that great "ame" except in supplication or in praise? Do you claim to be a Mason and profess to believe in Him who is and was and ever shall be—who, with His right hand spread out all space of time and space, and sun and moon and stars obey, and under whose watchful eye we never bend his back. In all things you are to judge with candor, reprehend with justice and admonish with meekness. He may be a brother, but he is a brother, he is a brother, he is a brother. As to yourself, be what God intended—a brave and upright man, peaceable, free of all evil, and a good Mason is one to whom the burdened heart may pour out its cares and its sorrows with full assurance of sympathy and aid. He is a brother in the arts and sciences; he may not wield power from high official position; he may be ignorant and obscure; his wisdom may be in the heart; his heart the tenderness and affection of a woman. His walk is according to a plumb line and his life an exact square of truth and virtue. He is inspired by no hope of self or reward; for his inspiration is love and charity and his reward the consciousness of a well-spent life. Such a man no bribe can seduce, no danger deter, no pleasure dissuade from the faithful discharge of these exalted duties which he owes to God, to his neighbor and to himself.

Should you go to some noble home where the "silver cord has been loosed," where some "golden bowl has

been broken," and where "the mourners go about the streets," there you will find him offering the consolation of his tears—comforting and soothing the wounded heart and pointing to the spring of acids, typical of a faith which shuttles blood not only at the head of the grave but forever and forever and forever on the shores of the great hereafter.

Wherever is human want there is his open hand; wherever is human need there is his sympathetic heart. He is so true and faithful that the innermost secrets of his brother's heart are sacred as his own—so brave that he will imperil his own to save his brother's life. Such is the true Mason; such this true soldier in the cause of humanity, and yet his march is not heralded by beat of drum or bugle blast. His pathway is not marked by ravished towns or ruined homes, for his path is the path of peace and his tocsin as gentle as the plaintive appeal from Calvary: "Father, forgive." His fight is the fight of the soul for truth against error, and if victorious, in the end, his triumph shout will be: "Oh! death, where is thy sting? Oh! grave, where is thy victory?"

Let the night be dark—let storms gather; let dangers and difficulties beset his pathway; there is for him a mystic light reflected from a blazing star, the center of his faith and his hopes, guiding and pointing onward and upward.

My brother, is God ever before you as the chief good? Are you actuated by that friendship and brotherly love which makes us all of kin? Is your life in harmony with our profession? If not, that spiritual ladder will reach to heaven in vain for you. You, then, are not a perfect ashlar fitted for the builder's use, and are not a shining stone in the edifice of our order. That great word which is to bring life and immortality will be lost, and lost to you forever.

Then be true and faithful. Erect your spiritual temple by the plumb, the square and the level, and let the designs laid down in that great treatise which God has given for a rule and guide to your faith and practice, shall never crumble nor decay; and when you come to travel into that far-off land, where you shall return you will receive the true Master's wages—the infinite light, the infinite life, the infinite love.

The Chicago highwayman have kindly consented to allow the souvenir coins to be sold before they stole them.

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